

**DATE PRESENTING CLINICAL SIGNS**

4/4/2022 History: P presented for evaluation of weight loss and intermittent soft stools.

PATIENT Current Medications: Cobalequin for dogs >22lbs 1 SID started post lab results.

Scarlett Mierow Lab Results: NSF on CBC/Chem/T4/FT4 (mild changes in Creatinine and T4 normal for Greyhounds). B12 216 (251-908), Folate 9.05 (7.7-24.2), TLI 38.6 (5-35). Creatinine 1.8.

Date of Previous IntraPet Ultrasound: No previous.

SPECIES Sedation: Not required to complete full diagnostic ultrasound.
Stat Report: Not requested.

Canine

Imaging Performed By: Rachel Brillhart, RDMS.

BREED

Greyhound

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC EXAMINATION OF THE ABDOMEN**SEX**

Spayed Female

Urinary System

The urinary bladder, trigone, and pelvic urethra are normal in thickness and the mucosal surface is smooth. The bladder lumen is moderately distended with anechoic urine. No masses, inflammatory changes or calculi are observed. Ureteral papillae and visualized portion of the proximal urethra, visible to a depth of 2 cm, are normal.

AGE

8/18/2012

The left kidney presented normal size (6.27 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

WEIGHT

63.4 lbs

The right kidney presented normal size (7.56 cm in length); normal shape and architecture with smooth peripheral margins. There is a normal 1:3 cortex to medulla ratio with normal corticomedullary distinction. There is no evidence of pyelectasia, nephroliths, infarcts or hydronephrosis. Renal vasculature is normal.

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Adrenal Glands

The left adrenal gland is upper limits of normal size (0.52 cm at cranial pole) (0.85 cm at caudal pole) (2.66 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

HOSPITAL NAME

Charm City Vet
Hospital

The right adrenal gland is upper limits of normal size (1.14 cm at cranial pole) (0.80 cm at caudal pole) (2.21 cm in length); normal shape; homogenous parenchyma. The glandular echogenicity and detail are unremarkable. Capsule, cortex, and medullary definition are normal. The phrenicoabdominal vein and surrounding vasculature are normal.

REFERRING VET

Dr. Eavers

Spleen

The spleen is normal in size (2.65 cm in width at the level of the hilus) with a normal capsular contour. The parenchyma is slightly mottled in appearance. No focal lesions are observed. Splenic vasculature is normal.

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Liver

The liver is subjectively normal in size with normal contours and structure. There is appropriate echogenicity and echotexture. No overt structural evidence of inflammatory, infiltrative or regenerative pathology is evident. Vascular and biliary tracts are of normal volume with no evidence of congestion. No pathological hepatic lymphadenopathy observed.

The gall bladder lumen is moderately distended. The wall is thin and smooth. A scant amount of suspended echogenic debris is observed within the lumen. The cystic and common bile ducts are normal.

Gastrointestinal

The stomach and intestine are free of stasis and exhibit normal peristaltic activity. The gastric lumen is not distended. The gastric wall and pylorus are normal in thickness with a normal layering pattern. The small intestinal lumen is not dilated. The small intestinal wall thickness is normal with a normal layering pattern and appropriate mural detail. Discreet masses are not identified. The ileocecolic junction and colonic wall are normal. There is no evidence of an obstructive pattern.

Pancreas

The region of the pancreas is isoechoic relative to surrounding omental fat. No obvious parenchymal abnormalities are observed. There is no evidence of regional inflammation or effusion.

Free Abdomen

There is no evidence of free fluid. One to two prominent mesenteric lymph nodes are visualized, the largest measuring 1.59 cm in length. The nodes are normal in shape and echogenicity.

ULTRASONOGRAPHIC FINDINGS

Primary Findings

- The splenic parenchyma changes are most consistent with a benign process such as lymphoid hyperplasia, extramedullary hematopoiesis or splenitis with a low possibility of infiltrative neoplasia (i.e., lymphoma, mast cell neoplasia).
- The lymph node changes are most consistent with reactive lymphadenitis or lymphoid hyperplasia.

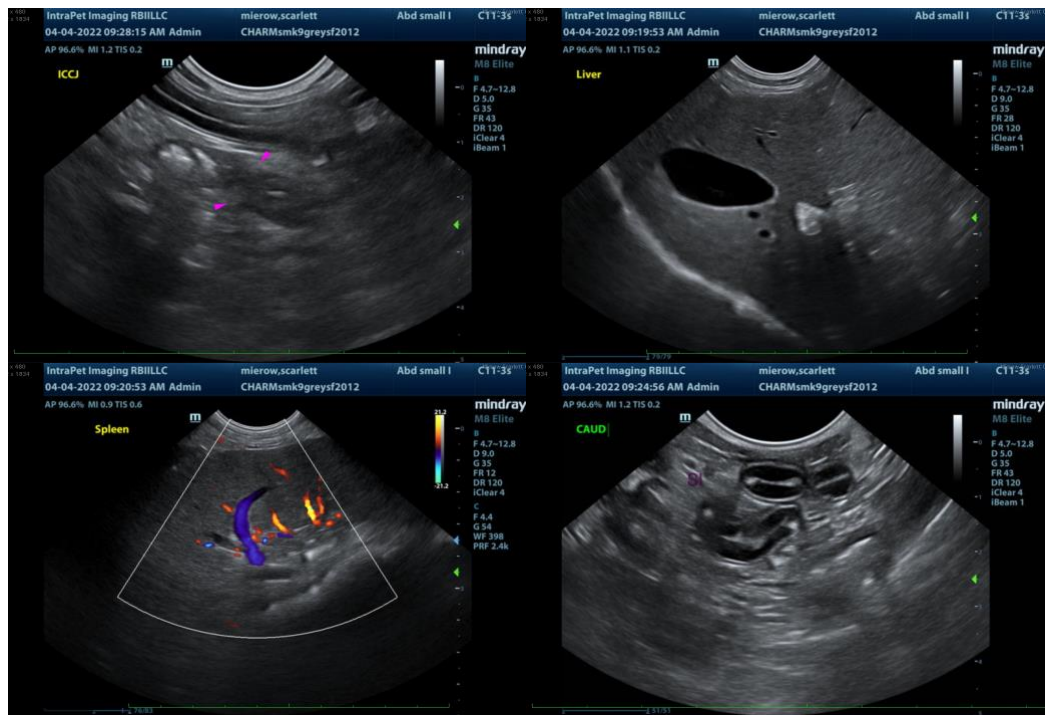
****An obvious cause for the patient's clinical signs is not identified in this study. However, given the hypocobalaminemia, an enteropathy (i.e., inflammatory bowel disease), lymphangiectasia, infectious/parasitic disease, emerging neoplasia (less likely)) should be considered.**

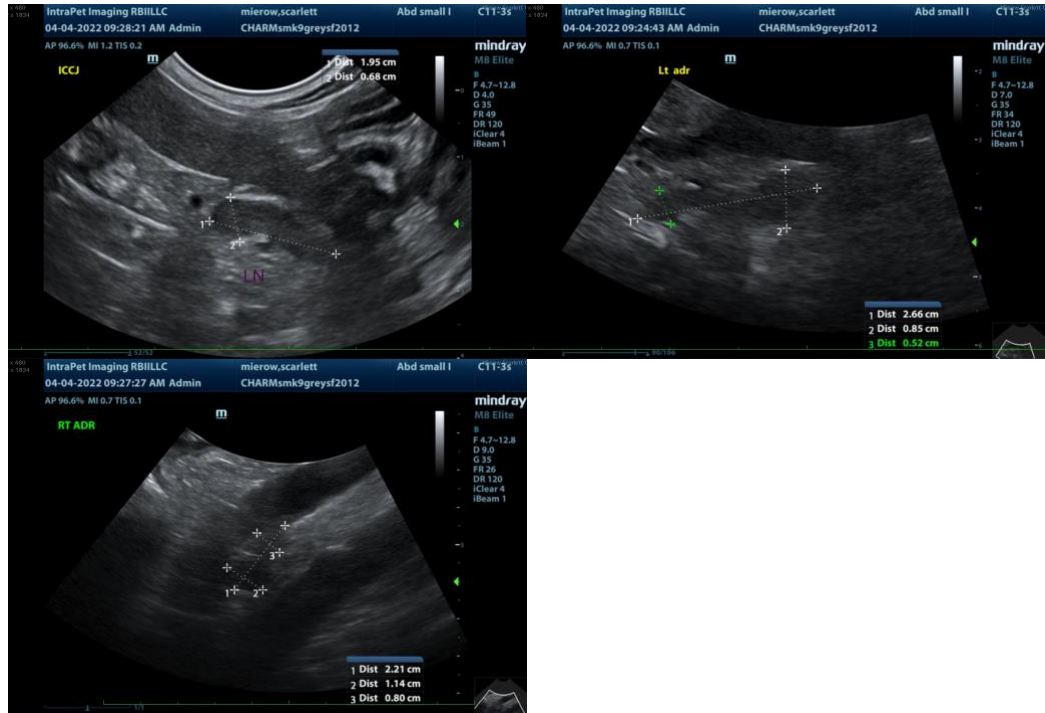
INTERPRETATION OF THE FINDINGS & FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

The following diagnostics/treatment recommendations can be considered:

1. A fecal evaluation for ova/Giardia
2. Prophylactic deworming with Fenbendazole at 50 mg/kg once a day for 5 days is recommended. Repeat above protocol in 3 weeks.
3. A 6-week limited antigen diet trial to assess for food allergies.
4. Consider a 4-week course of Tylosin at 15-20 mg/kg by mouth every 12 hours as empirical treatment for small intestinal bacterial overgrowth.

5. A resting cortisol level to screen for hypoadrenocorticism. If resting cortisol level is < 2.0 mcg/dL, an ACTH stimulation test is recommended.
6. Depending on the results of the above diagnostics/therapeutics, endoscopic or surgical gastrointestinal biopsies may be warranted.
7. Three-view thoracic radiographs should be performed prior to any anesthetic event.





The information and recommendations provided are based on the images presented by the referring veterinarian/sonographer. No evaluation can be communicated regarding pathology that was not visible in the image/video clips provided.

Thank you for this referral. If the clinical or image interpretation does not parallel your findings or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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